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THE DEMOCRAT BRAWL

The great Democrat Party's great national convention opened at the great International Amphitheater in the great city of Chicago in the great state of Illinois on Monday night, August 26, 1968. Delegates did not pledge allegiance to the flag. After an invocation, they did try to sing *The Star Spangled Banner*; but Aretha Franklin, who led the singing, didn't know the words or the tune, the rhythm or the meaning of the song. She tried to make "soul music" of it.

And this, I thought, was suitable for the occasion. It was fitting for a political party, which has made a mockery of the nation's basic political principles, to be regaled with a comically ludicrous rendition of the national anthem.

The setting was appropriate too. Bawling, brawling, and milling around in their barbed-wire enclosed compound near the stockyards, the Democrats presented a good effigy of the animal farm which liberals have been trying for 35 years to make of our society.

Pre-convention preparations were also appropriate.

On Friday and Saturday, August 23 and 24, about 6000 national guardsmen arrived in Chicago for duty during the Democrat convention.

Approximately 6000 federal troops were flown to bases on the periphery of Chicago, to be ready for immediate action. Thousands of other federal troops were alerted to stand by.

The FBI had requested police departments throughout the nation to watch the movements of known agitators and to report instantly any indication that the agitators were starting toward Chicago.

The Chicago police force of 11,600 was fully mobilized and put on 12-hour duty. Police not only guarded the amphitheater, the surrounding area, and streets leading into it, but also took the extraordi-

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nary precaution of guarding every pumping station and filtration plant in the Chicago water system, because of rumored threats that the city's water supplies would be poisoned during the Democrat convention.

A one-mile-square area around the amphitheater was designated as a kind of war zone. All vehicles entering the zone were stopped and the credentials of occupants examined. Within this large perimeter, another area (enclosing the amphitheater and parking lot) was enclosed by a high fence topped with barbed wire. All means of exit and entrance were guarded by Secret Service agents and police. And, of course, all gates and doors into the building itself were heavily guarded by police, federal agents, and special guards, under orders to admit only persons with approved passes.

Police and federal agents hovered over the convention area in helicopters, watching for signs of trouble. Others, armed with automatic weapons, were posted on the roof of the amphitheater, and on roof tops of nearby buildings.

The Federal Aviation Administration in Washington established a restricted air zone covering the convention area and routes to it from downtown hotels and from the airport, so that dignitaries could travel to the amphitheater by helicopter, thus avoiding the danger of traveling on Chicago streets.

Even sewage manholes in the amphitheater area were sealed with tar and guarded to prevent their use as hiding places for snipers or other troublemakers.

The delegates' entrance to the amphitheater was protected by a bullet-proof enclosure.

Inside the amphitheater, intelligence units, organized by federal agents and equipped with walkie-talkie radios, monitored the floor of the convention to spot unauthorized demonstrations. Others, equipped with high-powered binoculars as well as walkie-talkies, perched on rafters high above the floor. Waiting in the wings to help suppress any violent uprising on the floor were U.S. marshals, state police, special guards.

In all, more than 40,000 persons were mobilized to seal off and guard the Democrat Party Convention in Chicago.

Obviously, leaders of the Democrat Party were afraid. They had reason to be.

New-left, pro-communist agitators had been threatening for months to invade Chicago by the tens of thousands to wreck the city and the Democrat convention.

And thousands of them came — hippies and yippies, freaks and degenerates, Negro militants and terrorists, common criminals and bums, new-left anarchists and communists. They were followers of Senator Eugene McCarthy, Senator George McGovern, and the late Senator Robert Kennedy. Among them were a few ignorant, apparently sincere young people who — to the everlasting shame of McCarthy *and* McGovern — were drawn into partnership with filth and indecency, believing they were fighting for something noble and good.

The three organizations which surfaced as leaders of the mobs in Chicago during the Democrat convention were the Youth International Party (Yippies) — an anti-American, pro-communist group; Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), a pro-communist revolutionary organization dedicated to the destruction of American society; and the National Mobilization to End the War in Vietnam (Mobes) — a coalition of some 250 groups of hippies, Negro militants, anarchists, and Vietcong sympathizers who call themselves advocates of "peace." David Dellinger, national chairman of Mobes, was one of the organizers of the violent and obscene communist-led march on the Pentagon in the fall of 1967.

Chicago city officials had agreed to let protesters stage street demonstrations, provided they stay away from the International Amphitheater; and had agreed to let them use five city parks for evening rallies and demonstrations, provided they vacate the parks by 11:00 o'clock each evening, in compliance with Chicago's general curfew regulations concerning public parks.

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But the protestors had no respect for rules, for the rights and property of others, or even for themselves. They howled like savages through downtown Chicago, throwing homemade stench bombs into restaurants and hotels; urinating on sidewalks and in hotel lobbies; camping in hotel rooms where they were not registered; invading and taking over the rooms of registered guests; stealing and vandalizing; shouting vile obscenities at police, national guard troops, convention delegates, and passers-by; displaying obscene signs and scrawling loathsome vulgarities in public places; flying, in public parks, the black flag of anarchy, the red flag of communism, and the flag of the Vietcong.

Though constantly taunted, spat upon, and showered with thrown objects, the Chicago police were remarkably restrained. Not once during the week when they were literally putting their lives on the line to protect Chicago and the Democrat convention did police ever use their firearms.

But the terrorists were in Chicago to push the police into using force, and they succeeded. When mobs became so dangerous that police could protect the city, its citizens, and its guests only by using clubs and tear gas, cameras were on hand — some of them manned by the same kind of bearded characters who were in the mobs — to show the police in action. TV broadcasts showed little of the provocations, abuse, and assaults against police; and they showed little of the depradations against private property and the terrorizing of innocent people; but they presented carefully selected scenes of police striking or grappling with rioters.

The worst violence occurred Wednesday night while the convention was performing the prearranged ritual of nominating Hubert H. Humphrey for President. The fighting raged around the Conrad Hilton Hotel (headquarters for party officials and dignitaries) which the terrorists were trying to take over. On the 15th floor, Senator McCarthy set up a first-aid station for the hoodlums; and McCarthy-McGovern supporters threw bottles, ashtrays, and beer cans full of urine at police from hotel windows.

Carefully edited video tape recordings of the melee around the Conrad Hilton were televised just before balloting on presidential nominees began at the convention. It seemed apparent that McCarthy-McGovern forces at the convention were working in collusion with mob leaders downtown — and with the invaluable assistance of the television networks. Professing outrage about the "atrocities" which police were committing against "kids" downtown for doing nothing but exercising the "right of free speech," McCarthy-McGovern people tried to stop the convention and move it out of Chicago — before Humphrey could be nominated.

They failed; but with the help of television, they did succeed, to some degree, in picturing their thugs and degenerates in downtown Chicago as martyred, idealistic youth — depicting Chicago police as bloodthirsty sadists.

As the violence of Wednesday night, August 28, burned itself out, McCarthy and McGovern delegates actually joined the terrorists "demonstrating" on the streets of downtown Chicago.

Thursday afternoon and evening — prior to and during the convention business of nominating Senator Edmund Muskie for Vice President—terrorists tried again to wreck Chicago and the Democrat convention. This time, they were openly joined by hundreds of McCarthy-McGovern delegates; and some (including the delegates) were following the leadership of the notorious white-hating, Negro militant, Dick Gregory. Once again, police managed, with minimum use of force, to contain the mobs; and once again, TV portrayals of events were strangely different from actions witnessed by detached observers at the scene.

After all the bitter turmoil, Hubert Humphrey stood before the convention and praised Senators McCarthy and McGovern. This was appropriate enough, because Hubert Humphrey and his running mate, Edmund Muskie, are, after all, of exactly the same political breed as Senators McCarthy and McGovern.

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Senator McCarthy's behavior was even more appropriate. He closed his convention activities by speaking to a mob of his terrorist followers in Grant Park, where the black flag of anarchy, the red flag of communism, and the Vietcong flag flew. McCarthy promised his "kids" that he would not support the Humphrey-Muskie ticket.

Whereas the Republican convention in Miami was preoccupied with "racism," the Democrat convention in Chicago was obsessed with it.

Those characters in the national Democrat Party who condemn all white conservatives — especially *southern* white conservatives—as "racists" are, themselves, among the most vicious racists in the world. Their political careers are built on inciting Negro hatred of whites—and subsidizing it with tax money.

Those people whom you watched on television at the 1968 Democrat convention—*those* people and their kind—created the policies, foreign and domestic, under which the federal government has operated for more than three decades. *Those* people and their kind have controlled the White House, the Congress, and the Supreme Court for a generation.

If voters return *those* people to power this year, surely it must be because the American people have a death wish for their Republic.

This nation is doomed, if we do not have a change in Washington—not just a change in faces, names, and party labels, but a change in *policies.*

What the nation witnessed at Chicago from August 26 to 30, 1968, is the inevitable consequence of socialist policies instigated and implemented by men (Democrats *and* Republicans) who are called "liberals" and "moderates" — men who egg on, subsidize with tax money, and grant special governmental favors to the most violent, lawless, and degenerate elements in our society for the purpose of getting their votes; men who operate the federal government as if it were a closed corporation created for the purpose of plundering decent, productive citizens to provide vote-buying handouts to the indolent and indecent; men who conduct American foreign policy as if America's destiny is to serve as policeman, Santa Claus, and whipping-boy of the world until such time as the American nation is reduced to the status of a dependent province in a one-world socialist arrangement.

We will get no change in policies by electing Richard Nixon, because the Nixon Republican platform is virtually identical with the Humphrey Democrat platform. As George Wallace says, there is not a dime's worth of difference between them.

George Wallace is not the complete constitutionalist I wish he were, but he offers us our *only* hope this year for a *change.* In a later *Report,* I will explain my conclusion about Wallace, and outline my reasons for believing that every conservative should work for his election.

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